

FORT MONMOUTH ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION PLANNING AUTHORITY

Minutes filed by Kathryn Verrochi as Assistant Secretary on Behalf of the Authority Members of actions taken at the Open Session of the Twenty First meeting of The Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Planning Authority, held at the Agriculture [AG] Building, 4000 Kozloski Road, Freehold, New Jersey 07728 at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 19, 2007.

Present:

Chairperson and Public Member Dr. Robert Lucky
Monmouth County Freeholder Lillian Burry
Tinton Falls Mayor Peter Maclearie
Public Member Laurie Cannon via telephone
Public Member Rosemarie Estephan
Garrison Commander COL Stephen Christian

Absent: Oceanport Mayor Lucille Chaump, Public Member Joseph Colfer, Eatontown Mayor Gerald Tarantolo and Vice Chairperson and Public Member Virginia Bauer had previously advised the Authority.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lucky who led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Open Session was convened at 7:05 p.m. in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Elected Officials Comments:

Chair Lucky asked for remarks from U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg or U.S. Senator Robert Menendez, U.S. Representative Frank Pallone or U.S. Representative Rush Holt or other Members of the Congressional Delegation or their staff members. None were offered, but the Chair noted the attendance of a staff member of U.S. Senator Menendez.

Chair Lucky presented the Agenda for approval. Freeholder Burry moved for the approval of the agenda, Mayor Maclearie seconded the motion and the agenda was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes of the November 28, 2007 Open Session (no Executive Session was held) were moved by Mayor Maclearie, seconded by Freeholder Burry, and unanimously approved.

Public Comments on Agenda Items:

1. Tom Mahedy, Wall, discussed ADC travel, green festivals, the Social Services Advisory Committee, HUD, Pine Brook housing and advocacy for the Vets.

Item 0712-01: Resolution of Appreciation to the Honorable Lucille Chaump, Mayor of the Borough of Oceanport

This action is in furtherance of the authorized purposes of the Authority as set forth in the Act, and pursuant to Article III, Section 1e, the Honorable Lucille Chaump, Mayor of the Borough of Oceanport, has been a member of the Authority and has contributed greatly to its progress and success to date. Freeholder Burry moved the resolution and Mayor Maclearie seconded it and it was unanimously adopted.

Item 0712-02: Travel to Association of Defense Communities Winter Forum

This action is in furtherance of the authorized purposes of the Authority as set forth in the Act, and in the Authority By-Laws at Article II "Powers of the Authority" at Section 2 that requires approval by the Authority of all overnight travel, for expenses related to travel to attendance at the ADC

Winter Forum, subject to Treasury's approval. John Leigh, Office of Economic Adjustment, noted that his organization encourages all LRA's to include attendance at the ADC Forums in their travel budgets. It is recognized as an invaluable experience for personnel to meet with their peers, understand the BRAC process and the opportunity to meet with high-level DoD officials. Mayor Maclearie moved the resolution, Public Member Estephan seconded it and it was unanimously adopted.

Chair's Report:

Chair Lucky deferred to Executive Director Cosentino to give an update on FMERPA activities.

Executive Director's Report:

ED Cosentino provided an update of activities since the last meeting:

Calendar of Events:

November

- 28 - Attended State Ethics Liaison Meeting
- 29 - Conducted individual briefings for Board members

December

- 3 - Conducted tour of Patterson Army Health Clinic
- 4 - Met with Ownership of Local Contractor who intends to stay in the area
- 5 - Met with Affordable Housing Advocates
- 6 - Met with our BRAC Special Counsel Team – Disposition/Timeline
- 6 - Met with Monmouth County Planning Team – Bob Clark
- 7 - Deputy Director Harrison and Diane Canterbury visited another of the homeless providers
- 11 - Held update review with EDAW
- 11 - Social Services Advisory Committee meeting
- 13 - Conference call with West Coast industry representative
- 14 - Conducted tour of Fort for Mayor-Elect Mahon
- 15 - Supported Congressman Holt's Academy interview process
- 15 - Attended the Fort Monmouth Holiday Ball
- 17 - Interviewed Jack Sprott, ED Fort McPherson

ED Cosentino noted that FMERPA has entered a period of consolidating the reports received to date toward the initial formulation of development concepts and business strategies. These will be pursued working in concert with the Advisory Committees, the Governor's office, the municipalities and the county departments, while continuing to seek public input.

The next logical step, in this very iterative process, will lead to presenting a draft plan in mid to late February. He also mentioned that since January 1, 2007, he and DD Harrison have held and participated in 128 community outreach meetings with civic groups, business leaders, advocates and the general public. The list will be available on the FMERPA website shortly.

Advisory Committee Chairs Reports:

Chair Lucky invited comments from the Authority Members in addition to their Chair updates.

They were as follows:

- Freeholder Burry, Veterans Affairs, noted the Monmouth County Library System's renewed interest in the library at the Fort with focus on performing arts.
- Public Member Estephan, Social Services, met on December 11, Ginny Edwards and Lynn Miller made presentations and provided information relating to the County homeless assistance and needs; the committee received categorizations of NOI's; visits to homeless providers continue; next meeting scheduled for February 5 at 3:00 pm at the FMERPA offices.

- Mayor Maclearie, Infrastructure, noted that the committee plans to meet the 1st or 2nd Monday in February.
- DD Harrison reported for Mayor Chaump, Historical, the committee met on December 10, DD Harrison updated the committee on a meeting with the Garrison, the Army Corp of Engineers and NJSHPO.

NOI Update:

Deputy Director Rick Harrison gave the following update:

FMERPA continues to actively consider the requests in discussions with the board members, the advisory committees, the Attorneys and the planning team.

Homeless Assistance - The Social Services Advisory Committee continues to study the data available from the county identifying the needs of the homeless in Monmouth County and is categorizing the NOIs based on the needs that they would address by housing type and population served. FMERPA Staff is also starting to assemble the framework to meet the requirements and criteria for the HUD Application.

PBC NOIs - Three additional NOIs were received as of the November 30th deadline.

1. Fort Monmouth Earth Renaissance Peace Alliance requested:
 - Establishment of a Fort Monmouth Peace Museum at the site of the Post Museum
 - Establishment of a Center For World Religion at the Post Chapel
 - Establishment of a Peace Academy or Department of Peace at the site of USMAPS
 - Open space for Green events and Peace Fairs
 - A Peace Train Station
2. Middlesex Regional Education Services Commission requested:
 - Establishment of the Hearing Institute of New Jersey
 - 25 Classrooms/100K SF Building+
 - 100 Employees
3. State of New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness requested:
 - 60K SF of Office Space
 - 180 employees

These NOIs have been forwarded to the consultants, the Attorneys and the appropriate Advisory Committee Chairs. FMERPA Staff will also be confirming eligibility for PBC with Federal Sponsors.

Public Comments Not on Agenda:

1. Tom Mahedy, Wall, discussed ADC travel and read the NOI submitted by the Fort Monmouth Earth Renaissance Peace Alliance.
2. Frank Barricelli, Oceanport, thanked the Board for the resolution to Mayor Lucille Chaump, noted her dedication to the redevelopment of Fort Monmouth and mentioned that he will send a letter to FMERPA regarding the Oceanport plan that was in progress.

Chair Lucky noted that the Authority's next meeting is scheduled for January 16, 2008 at the Maple Place School, Oceanport.

Since there were no further comments or business, a motion to adjourn was made by Freeholder Burry, seconded by Mayor Maclearie and unanimously adopted at 7:45 pm.